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TYPES OF AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)

High-Tech AAC
An electronic computer-based system with voice output that can be either dedicated (ex. only used for communication) or computer-based (ex. laptop computer, iPad, tablets). Symbol or text based. Dynamic or static home screen. Includes power supply. Often referred to as SGD (speech-generating devices). Examples: Accent devices by PRC and NovaChat devices by Saltillo.

Mid-Tech AAC
Equipment that has an electronic component but not a full computer, such as a button or grid of buttons that can be recorded with messages. Typically battery operated. Examples: BIGmack or GoTalk by AbleNet.

Low-Tech AAC
An object or paper AAC system designed for communication, such as a manual communication board or Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS).

No-Tech AAC
A form of communication that does not require anything beyond the user's body, such as signs or gestures.

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